

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 41

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Harvey Burniston, Jr., on his selection as the 2002 Future Farmers of America National Agriscience Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Burniston is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burniston has recently been selected as the 2002 National Agriscience Teacher of the Year by the Future Farmers of America, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives, teaching agricultural principles and technologies at Johnson County High School; this award recognizes and applauds outstanding agriculture teachers who emphasize science and technology in their curricula, bringing excellence and presentation skills to the agriscience classroom and to FFA activities; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Burniston received this impressive award on November 1, 2002, at the 75th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky; in recognition of his achievement, Mr. Burniston will receive a plaque, a plaque for his school, and a \$1,500 cash award; and

WHEREAS, always a trend-setting teacher, Mr. Burniston's selection for this prestigious award marks the first time in the history of the Future Farmers of America that a Tennessee teacher has received the award for Agriscience Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a motivated and gifted educator, Mr. Burniston is also the advisor of the local Johnson County FFA Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Burniston is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; his hands-on methods of instruction and the expectations and high standards to which he holds his students are examples of the remarkable education that he provides; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Burniston truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; his leadership and talents as an educator are doubtless appreciated by principal Betty Brown and all of Mr. Burniston's colleagues at Johnson County High School; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Burniston truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Harvey Burniston, Jr., on being chosen as the 2002 Future Farmers of America National Agriscience Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.